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In re application: Wallace A. Longton et al.  
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For: **LACTONES OF CARBOXYLIC ACID POLYSACCHARIDES AND METHODS  
FOR FORMING CONJUGATES THEREOF**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 1, 2005, with a shortened statutory period for responding set to expire August 1, 2005. This Response is filed on November 1, 2005, with an accompanying Petition requesting an extension of time in which to reply, which would extend the period for response to November 1, 2005; therefore, upon granting of the Petition, this Amendment and Response is timely filed. Thus no further fees are believed to be due with this communication. However, if necessary, please charge any

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Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this Amendment and Response.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this Amendment and Response.

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